GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE ON EMBASSIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on various Embassies per annum by the Government;

(b) the action being taken on various recommendations made by the Commission on Expenditure in this regard;

(c) whether the Government are considering to lower down the present expenditure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) The total expenditure incurred on India`s 158 Missions and Posts abroad in the Financial Year 2000-2001 as per Revised Estimate (RE) was Rs. 692 crores. In Financial Year 2001-2002 it is estimated to be Rs.730 crores (RE).

(b) The recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission shall be acted upon according to functional requirements.

(c) & (d) Ministry of External Affairs keeps the expenditure on our Missions abroad under close scrutiny. Against the Budget Estimate of Rs.756 crores, during the year 2001-2002, the revised expenditure is Rs.730 crores.